

POACHERS' RAIDS ON THE INCREASE

Seal Herd Suffers Heavily
During the Past
Season.

REPORT OF SECY. METCALF

Canadian and Japanese Fleets Un-
usually Active in Raiding
Rookeries.

Notwithstanding the efforts of this Government to put a stop, through international agreements, to the indiscriminate slaughter of seals by pelagic sealers under the flags of foreign nations, the Pribilof seal herd without doubt suffered more severely from this cause during the past season than at any previous time in its history, says Secretary Metcalf, of the Department of Commerce and Labor, in his annual report.

Authentic reports show that the Canadian and Japanese fleets engaged in pelagic sealing during the past season numbered, approximately, thirty vessels each. During a greater portion of the season numerous vessels of the Japanese fleets conducted pelagic operations within sight of the Pribilof Islands, the special Government reservation. On several occasions the crews of these vessels killed seals within the three-mile limit. On July 18 and 17 some of the crews of four schooners acting in concert, landed on the islands and raided the rookeries. The poachers succeeded in killing about 185 female seals on the breeding rookeries, and escaped with about 130 skins.

Exclusion of Immigrants.
A marked improvement as compared with the conditions existing in previous years has been apparent as the result of efforts made to exclude laborers from admission to the United States. This is due to the steps taken to secure such an effective view of the certificates of the members of the exempt classes as would prevent laborers from impersonating those who are entitled under the laws and treaties to admission.

With respect to the classes of applicants, it appears that there has been a large increase in those claiming to be natives of the United States and of professions minor children of domiciled merchants, while a considerable reduction has been noted in the number of returning laborers and merchants. The total number of the exempt classes who sought admission is less than one-half the number of such classes who applied for the same privilege during the year 1905.

Exempt Chinese Classes.
Chinese of the exempt classes seeking admission for the first time numbered 38, a large proportion of whom (135) were officials. Of the total number mentioned, 13 were deported, not in every instance, however, because fraud was shown, but owing to the fact that in a number of cases the applicants, under section 2 of the Immigration act approved March 3, 1903, were found to be afflicted with a dangerous contagious disease.

JUSTICE STAFFORD ON POET WHITTIER

Address Last Evening Before
University Club Followed by Luncheon.

Justice Wendell Phillips Stafford, associate justice of the Supreme Court of the District, delivered the address of the evening before the University Club last night. "The Poet, John Greenleaf Whittier," was the subject of his lecture and he spoke at some length on the poet's life and works.

"The Quaker Poet," he said, "is, perhaps, the best known of American authors. He is known to the cultured, and is as equally understood by the common people. Whittier is the poet of the people, and no other writer of verse has ever gotten so near to the popular heart."

The speaker paid tribute to the ability of Whittier and quoted from his verses. After Justice Stafford's lecture, a light luncheon was served in the dining room of the club.

"What's the biggest thing you ever raised down in your country?" "I raised a hundred-dollar bet once when I held four aces."—Houston Post.

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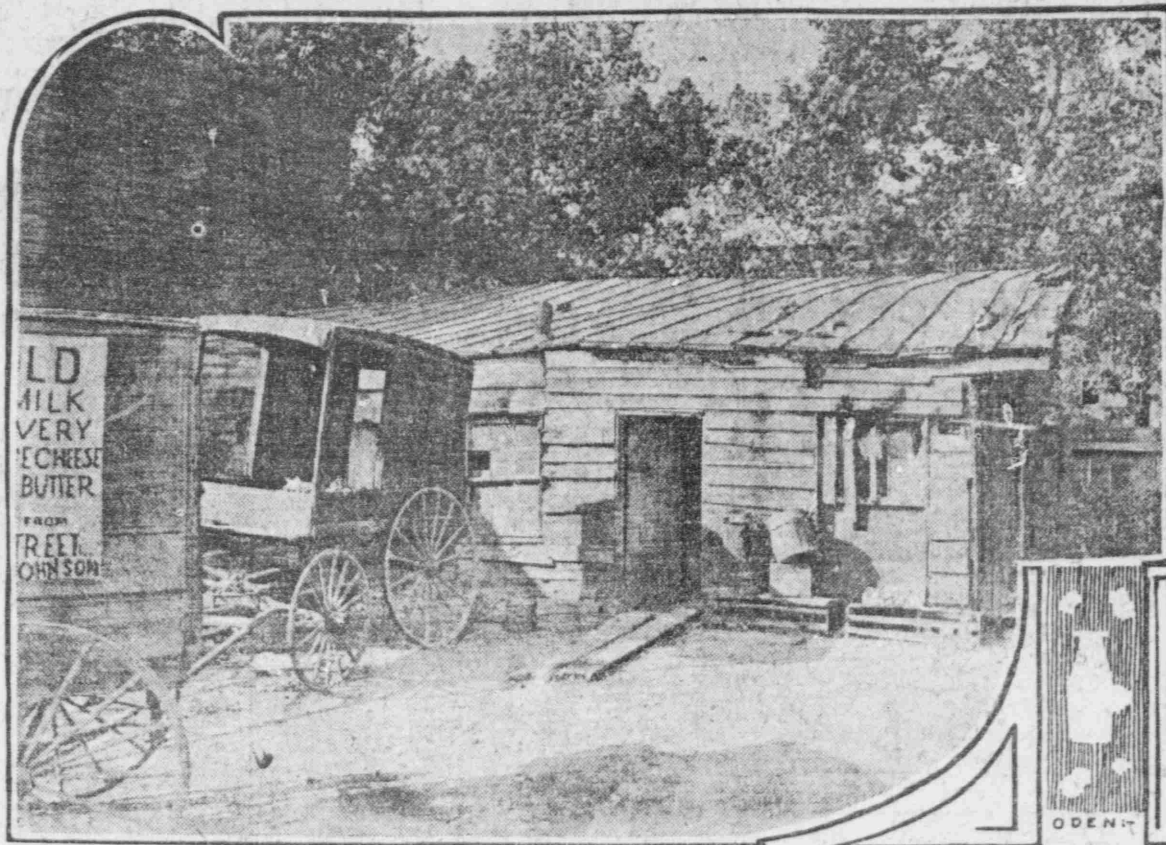
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UNSANITARY AND UGLY DAIRY WIPED OUT BY MERE WORD



GERM BREEDING "MILK DEPOT" WHICH HAS BEEN DESTROYED.

Condemnation Board Condemns and Owner Acts at Once.

One of the admittedly effective pieces of work done by the board of condemnation of unsanitary buildings was in the demolition last week of three ramshackle one-story wooden structures, numbering 60-60½, and 62 M street southwest, where James Johnson, a colored milk dealer, lived, conducted a milk business, and had a stable, all under the same roof. Some time before their demolition, the buildings all of which were of antiquated character and likely to breed disease, fell under the ban of Health Officer Woodward.

Doomed the Dairy.
Information to this effect was communicated to the board of condemnation and Secretary Roy Haynes, in whose hands is placed the inspection of such structures, made a careful investigation of the conditions surrounding the "dairy." His report fully confirmed Dr. Woodward's opinion, and steps were immediately taken to remove the objectionable structures, none of which Secretary Haynes has stated had either facilities for sanitation or under the law should have been used for dairy purposes.

Demolished by Owner.
In this particular instance, few obstacles were placed in the way of the

board of condemnation when action was begun to remove the structures, the owner agreeing to demolish the buildings without recourse to law. When Secretary Haynes made a second inspection of the premises, he found that this promise had been faithfully kept—nothing remained except a few scattered bits of lumber and mortar to mark the former condition of filth and insanitation.

THE CLASSES AND MASSES.
A high degree of exclusiveness is only possible to do-nothings, and is only prized by know-nothings. The people who value it seem to think that the crowd contaminates and vulgarizes; that such virtue as they may contain is diluted and weakened by a large acquaintance with ordinary people; that the only people to have easy relations with are the "nice" people, the people of social position who have something advantageous to confer, the people who are best to dine with and out of whom something can be made. That is a mistaken notion, and the mistake is one of small minds. The people—the great mass of the people—are the fountain of honor and the main source of most advantages. The wise course is to get in touch with as many of them as is reasonably convenient. There are a thousand relations in life besides dinner-giving relations that are worth while; there are a thousand phases of friendship that are worth cultivating besides the kind that flourish between persons of equal social condition.—Harper's.

Eleanor—I hear that Grace and Arthur were about the softest couple that were married in this town. Evelyn—I should say so. Why, they were so soft that their friends boiled the rice before they threw it at them.—Cincinnati Tribune.

STUDENTS DENY INSULTING GIRLS

MADISON, Wis., Dec. 8.—A formal denial by law students at the University of Wisconsin has been lodged with Dean Richards against a charge that the students stand at the law building and make insulting remarks at passing girls. A card complained to the dean that students had called out of a window that she had big feet. Investigation developed that she overheard two students reading a case in slander. The law students declare that all the complaints of which there have been many, are just as ridiculous as this.

Gayler & Smith, brokers, of New York, members of the New York Stock Exchange, have rented the first floor of 1514 H street northwest, and on the 15th instant will open a brokerage office there.

Policemen's Union New Chicago Plan

CHICAGO, Ill., Dec. 8.—Reports are in circulation among labor men that the policemen, following the lead of the firemen, will seek affiliation with the Federation of Labor.

According to the story, labor agents now are organizing a number of the policemen into a union, which is to be

taken into the Federation shortly after the beginning of the new year. Sergeant Jerry Horrigan, treasurer of the policemen's benevolent association, denied the report last night, declaring his opinion that the policemen have no business in the labor movement. Secretary Nockels of the Federation of Labor also said he was unable to confirm the rumor.

PNEUMONIA CAUSE OF KIRBY'S DEATH

He Had Complained to His
Mother of Having a
Bad Cold.

The autopsy on the body of Arthur Kirby, who was found dead in his bed in room 23 in the Columbia Hotel yesterday afternoon, revealed the cause of death to have been pneumonia. Coroner Neffit gave a certificate of death accordingly.

The autopsy was performed at the morgue and the body was afterwards removed to the establishment of Undertaker Zuercher. It will be removed today to the home of Kirby's mother, 299 E street northwest, where the funeral will be held tomorrow afternoon. The interment will be in Glenwood Cemetery.

Arthur Kirby was born in this city thirty-five years ago. He was the son of Gilmer and Virginia Kirby, residents of Washington. Several years ago Kirby moved to Hot Springs, Ark. He came here on a visit to his mother some days ago and registered at the Columbia Hotel. It was stated at the home of his mother last evening that he had been suffering for several days with a severe cold.

He was last seen alive around the hotel Friday afternoon about 2 o'clock.

HALF HOLIDAY IS ASKED FOR NAVY YARD FORCE

Representative Southard of Ohio called upon the President yesterday to ask that the employees of the Washington navy yard be given a half day holiday the day preceding Christmas.

SATISFIED.

Tourist (climbing a mountain)—I have had enough of this; I can't go any farther. What shall we see, anyway, at the top?
Guide—Snow.
Tourist—Well, it's silly to go on. I know what that is.—Bon Vivant.

PECULIAR SUICIDES IS RUSS EPIDEMIC

Brother's Approaching Visit
Cause of One—Other
Unusual Cases.

PARIS, Dec. 8.—Russia is suffering from an epidemic of eccentric suicides. During the past week four cases have been recorded of men and women ending their lives without serious reason.

At Odessa a storekeeper named Kulbakoff poisoned himself because he expected a visit from a brother whom he disliked. He left a note saying that he would rather die than live in the same house as his brother.

A woman killed herself in Moscow on hearing rumor that the police had captured the girl who carried off the 400,000 roubles robbed from the messengers of the St. Petersburg treasury. On hearing the cause of her suicide the police assumed that she was a dangerous revolutionary and seized her papers. The third case also happened in Moscow. A railway employee shot himself because under the senate's ruling he lost his vote in the coming Duma elections.

A schoolgirl drowned herself near Kharkoff because she lost seven roubles. She was the daughter of a sugar refiner reputed to be worth 7,000,000 roubles.

CONDITION OF CARMODY IS STEADILY IMPROVING

Col. Francis J. Carmody, who has been ill at his mother's residence, 234 Delaware avenue northeast, for several weeks, as the result of a complication of lung and heart troubles, is steadily improving.

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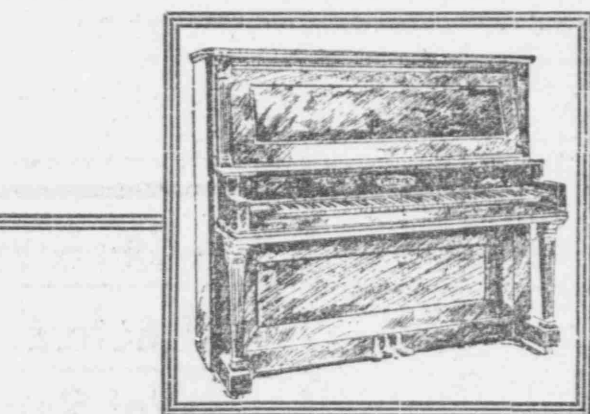
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